

Paris and Berlin with about \$10,000,000 in actual gold without any effect whatever on rates of interest or the general condition of the market. The failures during the past week were 167, against 199 for the same week last year. This is a change from the recent tendency in these failures, which for some weeks had been showing an increase over 1899. The bank clearings of the country last week fell behind those of 1899 by 7.4 per cent, which is not a serious decrease.

Conditions in California continue flattering. The outlook here is better than in most of the Eastern States. We are reaping the benefits of the advance in wheat and the minor cereals and of the remarkable demand for our fruit, which is enabling us to dispose of a very abundant crop at much better figures than we expected a few weeks ago. Indeed, the demand for fruit this year breaks the record. In spite of the heaviness of the crop it is actually scarce here and there, and the canners are finding it necessary to advance their prices from time to time to obtain supplies. The shipments of deciduous fruit eastward thus far this year amount to 725 cars, against 685 during the same time in 1899, and the record of citrus fruit shipments up to the 19th inst. was 16,232 cars, which is said to be in excess of all previous years. In addition the northern demand for California fruit has increased surprisingly this year.—San Francisco Call.

WHO?

Who among leading republicans, democrats or populists has declared for imperialism? When have any utterances been given out favoring a change in the form of the American government? Who is proposed for dictator, emperor, or king? Who has had personal experience as a dictator? Until the Kansas City convention met, there never had been any great number of American people governed abjectly by the will of a single individual. Therefore, THE CONSERVATIVE is of the opinion that in case an emperor must be chosen, a dictator, a despot, who shall rule out citizenship and usher in subjectship, Colonel William Jennings Bryan is the most experienced American dictator, and that he ought to be made general dictator or imperator for the United States of North America, the West Indies and Asia. No other public man has had so much practice as an autocrat, and no other is sufficiently imbued with intense and complacent egotism to, without a blush or a single misgiving, undertake the job of being emperor of the Americans, Porto Ricans and Filipinos.

It is said that the German-born citizens of the United States will be induced to vote for dishonest money and the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 in 1900, by disguising the monetary issue as a bogey of militarism. In fact, all foreign born

voters are to be coerced into Bryanarchy by scaring them with monarchy. But it is difficult to distinguish the difference between the one-man power of monarchy in Germany and the one-man power of Bryanarchy in the Kansas City convention.

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